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## MEDIA RELEASE

2011 Harvest Moon Gala Raised More than \$100,000

**Toronto, November 10, 2011** – The Meta Foundation raised more than \$100,000 at its annual Harvest Moon Gala, held November 6, 2011 in Vaughan, Ontario and attended by 700 guests. Proceeds will be used to provide much-needed help to individuals with special needs and their families. These supports are delivered through the Meta Centre, the Foundation’s direct services branch.

The Meta Foundation was formed in 1978 by a group of parents and volunteers. “Our ambition is as simple today as it was more than 33 years ago: to achieve a strong bond with the community so that we can give the support needed to help people with special needs achieve a better quality of life. Thanks to our donors we reach this objective time and again, helping to give our special people a special life,” said Lu Galasso, President of the Meta Foundation Board of Directors.

The event which was sponsored by the Zzen Group of Companies featured the honouring of this year’s recipients of the Vic De Zen Civic Heart Award given for outstanding voluntarism on behalf of the Meta Foundation. This year, Cesar and Vicky Schiavone of CS Vending and the Morrish Family (represented by Tom Jakobek) were recognized.

A Fiat 500 was provided by Maranello Fiat and its three-year lease was the grand door prize.

The recipient of the Mimma Regina Meta Bursary for academic achievement in developmental services was Abigail Owusu-Ansah, a Meta Centre Saturday Respite Worker.

Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor of Vaughan and a number of Vaughan City Councillors were also present.